

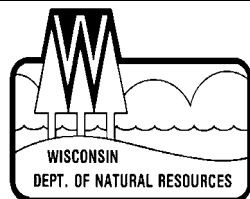
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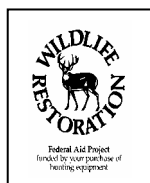
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**Important! Read This Immediately**

**Student Fees for Hunter Education Update  
Public Hearing**

In the recent Budget Bill the department was required to establish rules regulating the fees for the hunter education program.

At the September Natural Resources Board meeting we will be asking for approval of an emergency rule so that hunter education instructors can begin charging a fee of \$10 per student to take basic hunter education courses. When this takes place we will notify each of you of that decision. Notice will be mailed immediately if the emergency rule passes the Natural Resources Board meeting this month. Please watch for follow up letters on this issue.

The second part to this is the development of a permanent rule. At the same Natural Resources Board meeting we are also asking for approval to go to public hearing on the permanent rule because the emergency rule is good only for 90 days. The public hearing will be held on October 12, 2005 at the GEF II building in Madison, WI 53707 at 8:00 am. The hearing is open to anyone. You do not have to attend the hearing in person to have your voice heard. Anyone can mail their comments to us and they will be recorded just as if they attended the hearing. Comments mailed to us must arrive by October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005 to be counted. To mail your comments please forward them to:

Hunter Education Public Hearing  
C/O WDNR  
P.O. Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707-7921

The language reads as follows:

Section 1. **NR 19.50** is amended to read:

**NR 19.50** The fee for the all-terrain vehicle and bowhunter, snowmobile and hunter education certification programs shall be \$10.00. The department may authorize the instructors to retain up to 50% of the fee to defray authorized expenses incurred locally to operate the program based on the actual cost incurred to the instructor. The remaining funds shall be turned in to the department to defray expenses incurred to operate these programs during the year. The fee for advanced or continuing education courses shall only be the amount necessary, but not to exceed \$50. Only instructors

certified by the department to teach advanced or continuing education courses under this section can charge a fee for the advanced or continuing education courses.

Under this rule instructors would be allowed to keep up to \$5 for actual incurred and authorized expenses. During the last attempt at increasing the student fees we establish a broad list of these expenses. Things such as ammunition, targets, mileage, rental fees to hold the course, etc., all fall under authorized. Items such as firearms, treestands, computers, etc., are items that are not authorized expenses. Clarifications will be sent to you as the rule is finalized and the fee is permanently implemented. Any needs for equipment should be addressed with your regional safety warden. When a fee is charged it is important to remember that the funds automatically become federal funds. We are required to be able to document where these funds were spent. So, this means that whomever is keeping the records in your instructor group will need to hang onto receipts for 7 years. After that time they can be tossed if you wish. You will not be required to submit your receipts. If this information is needed we will notify you so that you can have your records available for quick review. Thanks in advance for your attention to this detail.

The results of the permanent rules hearing will be tabulated and presented at the December Natural Resources Board meeting for final adoption. If all goes well we could have our Emergency Rule in place by October 1st and our permanent rule in place by February of 2006.

***If you have any questions about this please feel free to contact Tim Lawhern or any of the regional safety wardens.***

We are all happy to assist you in any way we can.

**“The Season After”**

From—Tim Lawhern, Hunter Education Administrator

For many of us the first thing that comes to our minds when asked about the “hunting” season of 2004 is the tragedy that occurred in Sawyer County. Our safest 9-day gun deer season ever was marred by the incident that took place involving trespassing and user conflict. Many times the agency has been asked what we teach our hunters to do about trespassing and how to avoid conflict in the field. The answer to that question has been the same today as it was 10 years ago. During this hunting season and for the next few we need your help

to better spread the word on proper hunter behavior on both of these issues.

Trespassing is something that is easy to explain. There are only two things one needs to know. Rule number one is to have permission to be where you are at all times. People can accomplish this by asking for permission before the hunting season begins. They can also scout their hunting areas before hunting so they know where the boundaries are. Rule number two is if you don't know where you are or if you have permission to be there, leave. Get yourself to a place where you do know you can legally be. To stay at a place you don't have permission to be is unethical and illegal. Know before you go.

Dealing with conflict can be a mite more difficult. The first rule is do not make the contact yourself if you see something going on that should not be taking place. This is especially true if the person is unknown to you. The local authorities or the Conservation Wardens can be called in to handle those situations. For trespassing simply get as much information without making the contact and relay that to your local sheriff's office as quickly as you can. Should you find yourself in a situation where you are confronted by a person in the field and the encounter turns for the worse, just politely excuse yourself from the situation. Then report that to either the local authorities or the DNR. Getting into a heated debate in the field with someone you do not know can be risky. We'd rather folks be civil even if it means we don't catch them this time around.

In a future mailing you will learn more about our 2006 Statewide Hunter Education Conference. It has been many years since we have a statewide conference and we are going to host this one specifically with strategic planning in mind. The group of volunteers and professionals that show up at this conference will be asked to begin the process for laying out our strategies to address the how we accomplish our mission both in the short (5 yr) and long (20 yr) term. We will have a wealth of information presented so that we can envision how the future will look based on economical, social, technological, environmental, and political dynamics. We hope to see all of you there for this event. There's more to come as soon as we solidify our plans.

Our 2005 Iowa/Wisconsin Instructor Rendezvous was a complete success. About 30 instructors from Wisconsin rode the tour bus to Iowa to share in a weekend of instruction, training, fun, and fellowship. From the results of the critiques of the program we need to continue this tradition. So, Wisconsin has agreed to host

the 2006 WI / IA Instructor Rendezvous. There's more to come on that in a future mailing too.

This Fall we will be recruiting and training a few outstanding people to begin delivery of our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> advanced and continuing education programs; Rifle Marksmanship and Shotgun Shooting Clinics. Be looking for these to be announced on our DNR upcoming courses webpage. As your students graduated from basic hunter education we would also ask that you encourage them to continue their training by signing up for these special clinics and seminars. The pilot courses were tremendously successful and popular. We've had shooters with 40 plus years of shooting experience, NRA certified instructors, novices, basic hunter education instructors, and conservation wardens participate in the pilot programs and to a person they have all said it was the best training they have ever received in both programs. We look forward to their success and to the development of additional courses for advanced or continuing education modules.

No message would be complete without thanking each of you for dedicating something more valuable than money, more precious than gold. It is something that no matter whom you are or what position in life you hold we all have exactly the same amount of. That is your time. You have chosen to spend your time dedicated to training people to be safe, knowledgeable and responsible hunters. We continue to have the largest corps of volunteer hunter education instructors in North America. Congratulations to you on all the benchmarks you help set in hunter education. Good luck in your ventures afield this season and remember to invite one new person to the joys of what we all love so dearly, safe and ethical hunting.

## *News from the regions—*

### **News from the Northeast Region—South**

By April Dombrowski-- Recreational Safety Warden

Dear Volunteer Safety Instructor:

As you know Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources Safety programs are among the best in the nation. Your continuing work and dedication to these programs continue to be a very important asset to the success of Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources Safety Programs.

As the new Recreational Safety Warden in Oshkosh my administrative area will cover Winnebago, Fond du Lac,

Dodge, Green Lake, Waushara, and Marquette Counties. I would like to provide you with a little background about myself and then offer my support for your efforts in the volunteer safety programs. I grew up in Clark County and after graduating from Colby High School I attended UW-Stevens Point. My education consists of Natural Resource Management and Environmental Law Enforcement. My experiences have led me all over the state. Following college, I worked as a special conservation warden in Clark County. During that time, I also worked for Polk County Sheriff's Department with its boat patrol program. Prior to my recent promotion to Oshkosh, I've served the state as a conservation warden in Calumet, Sawyer, and Clark Counties.

Goals for my new position as a recreational safety warden include promoting outdoor ethics, safety and respect for the resources in all forms of recreation through education, conflict resolution, problem solving, enforcement and community based wardening. I strongly believe in promoting hunting, fishing and outdoor skills to preserve the future of outdoor recreation in Wisconsin.

I believe when we work together we will achieve these goals and improve the safety, quality and outdoor recreation for the people in Wisconsin. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at the Oshkosh DNR Service Center.

Sincerely,  
April Dombrowski  
Recreational Safety Warden-Oshkosh

## **News from the Northeast Region—North**

By Donna Juncer—Recreational Safety Warden

Greetings to all,

This is Donna Juncer from the newly reorganized, NER-North in Green Bay. As some of you may already be aware, we have completed the hiring process and have three new Safety Wardens. Guess what, I am one of them!

Most of you in the NER know me already as the program assistant, but I finally made it to the BIG TIME. And if you thought the road was tough for me before, I have news. Since I am not currently a warden, I will be going through all the training required to get my certification just like any other new individual to the warden force.

What this means to the people of my area is is—I will be in Ft. Mc Coy for the winter, but don't you worry. We now have April Dombrowski in Oshkosh for the NER-South. She is already a warden and more than willing to help. (Some of you may remember her as the Calumet warden, April Demler a couple years back.)

You can also contact any of the other safety wardens when in need.

For those of you who are not familiar with me, let me introduce myself.

I have been working for the DNR for the past seven years and six of those have been in the safety programs. I am a certified instructor for all our recreation programs and work hard to keep this program running in our area and assist any and all instructors with all their needs.

I have been married for the past 13 years to a wonderful man named Joe and I have an adult son named Brandon. I truly enjoy helping people and working for the DNR. I am a churchgoing Catholic with a strong faith and I enjoy boating, fishing, shooting, hunting, ATV's and downhill skiing. I don't have much of an opportunity to ride snowmobiles though.

I have been busy in the NER certifying many new instructors in all the programs, processing patrol audits, planning my Hunter Ed workshops and preparing for the big split. We expect this new change to improve our relations and customer service with everyone and I want to say our future looks bright!

*Donna*

## **News from the Northern Region—West**

By Chris Wunrow—Recreational Safety Warden

Hi folks.

This is my first report, as I am replacing Mike Smith. I am extremely excited about this new adventure in my career with Department of Natural Resources and the Conservation Wardens. I am hoping to build on the foundation that Mike and the other past Recreational Safety Wardens have established.

Some of you may recognize my name, as I was the Conservation Warden stationed in Southern Sawyer County from January of 1992 until the fall of 2000. My office was at the Winter Ranger Station. I started with warden service in 1989 and was stationed in Waukesha County.

From the fall of 2000 until now, I was the Assistant Training Director for the Conservation Wardens. I was working out of the Central office in Madison out of the GEF 2 building. My responsibilities were recruiting people to become a conservation wardens, coordinating the hiring process of future recruit warden classes, providing hands-on, scenario based training for our new recruits and coordinating our annual recertification training for our veteran wardens. It was a great experience and it was a tough decision to leave this position.

Having said that, my heart has always been in the north woods, so I decided to accept the opportunity and challenge to work with the safety programs. I believe the experiences I have had as a field warden and with the Training Section has prepared me well to help you educate the students in programs you instruct in.

I am moving with my family which includes my wife Laurie and daughter Ryleigh. My wife and I celebrated our 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary recently. Ryleigh is 14 months old. We also have a 2 year old Springer Spaniel named Dakota.

When we lived in Sawyer County, Laurie taught second grade at Hayward Elementary School. From 2000 to the present, while I was the Assistant Training Director, we lived in Cottage Grove. Laurie taught kindergarten in the Fort Atkinson School District. This coming school year Laurie will be teaching kindergarten in the Hayward Elementary School.

There are still responsibilities with the Training Section that I will be working on through August and into early fall. I anticipate transitioning to the Spooner Service Center in mid-September and be there full-time in mid-October. I look forward to meeting all the safety instructors in the Northern Region and can't wait to officially start my new adventure.

## **News from the Southeast Region—South Central Region**

By Pat Lisi—Recreational Safety Warden

At this year's hunter education instructor workshops, instructors statewide got a glimpse of how the Internet Field Day is set up for those who take advantage of this great alternative way of delivering the hunter safety course. While some instructors remain slightly skeptical of this method, more and more groups are discovering that this is a fantastic way to teach students hunter and firearms safety.

Our records show that running an Internet and Field Day course can be as effective as the typical delivery of hunter education. The success of the program has much to do with how well the student listens and observes, but also upon how well the instructors teach the course material and ultimately run the field day portion. Our experience also shows us that there is tremendous success by the way our groups have taken on this challenge and presented the field days. In fact, there are hunter education groups in the State that use only the Internet method of delivery now that they see how efficient it can be. And, they have great stories of achieving their goals as a hunter ed group. They also report very little burn-out, if any at all.

So, I encourage any group out there to try out the Internet Program and see how you like it. For anyone in the South Central Region who would like to give this a go, please contact me at my office in Fitchburg and we'll get together with your group. My number is 608-275-3253. Or, call the RSW in your area to see about getting an Internet Hunter Education Course going.

Also, I want to thank all of you for your dedication and passion for the hunter education programs in Wisconsin.

You DO make a difference. Please keep up the great work you're doing!

## **News from the Northern-East Region**

By—Jeff Dauterman Recreational Safety Warden

Greetings from the northwoods.

At the time of writing this article it is August and the Hunter Safety Instructor Refresher Workshops are in full swing. Thanks to everyone who took the time to attend a workshop. The past couple of years these workshops have had a main theme of giving practical hands on training that you can use in your courses. This EDOC, or hands on, style of instruction is by far the best way to teach your students. A lot of idea exchange also occurs each year in these workshops. I really hope that those of you instructors who have not attended a workshop in awhile, put a sincere effort toward attending one of these workshops next year. I think you will find it well worth your time.

You probably read in this newsletter that we recently hired 3 new Recreational Safety Wardens. One of the results of this has been some alteration of the RSW Administrative Areas. Those of you instructors who live in Oconto County have been moved from my area to the Green Bay RSW. You will need to contact your new

RSW Donna Juncer. Thank you for all the efforts you have made over the years. I appreciate all the times that we have either spoken over the phone, exchanged emails, or had personal contacts at workshops and instructor appreciation events. It has been my pleasure to work with all of you.

For all the Instructors, thanks for all you do to teach safety, responsibility and ethics to our new hunters.

## **News from the Southeast Region—North**

By John J. Plenke—Recreational Safety Warden

The following article was written by Instructor Mike Ripp from Wauwatosa. Mike teaches at Elm Grove in Waukesha County and is in his 10<sup>th</sup> year of training folks to be safe hunters. I have known Mike since 1995 when I certified him as a student at a class at Tosa East High School and then as an instructor in 1996. He relayed this story to fellow instructors at a meeting of the Waukesha County Hunter Education Association a few months ago.

I asked him to put it in writing for me to share with the rest of Wisconsin's finest. It is worth reading.

Thank you Mike for the extra effort you continue to put forth!

## **Hunt of a Lifetime**

By Mike Ripp

In Wisconsin the Learn-to-Hunt program is one of those well-kept secrets that even we instructors know very little about, or have not utilized very fully to get more youth involved in our sport. I would like to take a couple of minutes to relate to you my experience with this program, and what it can do for youth opportunities, as well as for Hunter Education Instructors.

For the past four years I have been, as coordinator for five Southwestern Wisconsin Counties in the Turkey Hunter Education Clinic Program, involved with biologist Tom Issac from Pike Lake State Park in the Learn-to-Hunt Turkeys Program at the Loew Lake Area, both as an instructor at the pre-hunt clinic as well as a mentor who sits with the novice hunter during the hunt to assist him or her.

For four years I have run an essay contest in my fall Hunter Education Classes, choosing a student to participate in the Loew Lake hunt by making them write a one-page essay on why they would like to learn how to hunt turkeys, and then selecting the best essay. I also chose a student that had been certified in one of my

Hunter Education Classes, but would probably never have the opportunity to begin hunting. Just two years ago, he had lost his father to a fatal blood disorder. Earlier this year his mother had been incarcerated, developed lung health problems due to smoking and would be unable to get him started with hunting. My choice of this young man for Learn-to-Hunt proved to be very rewarding for both of us.

Last August, I embarked on my "Hunt of a Lifetime" by realizing a twenty-year dream by hunting caribou with archery equipment near Hudson Bay in Northern Quebec province in Canada. Successfully downing a huge caribou bull on the last day of my hunt made my dreams come true, but even that could not top the experience and the exhilaration of my hunt this past spring with the young man at Loew Lake.

After calling in 15 turkeys (8 of them gobblers) and having this 12 year-old miss a nice gobbler early in the morning by shooting over its head. He corrected his earlier mistake and shot a gorgeous 22 lb Tom on the first day of his special hunt. His reaction seconds after the shot was priceless. He stood up in the blind, grinning from ear to ear, high-fived me with both hands, and let out a scream of joy that every turkey in Washington County probably heard. O, too, was beaming ear-to-ear, and couldn't quit smiling for days afterward every time I thought of that moment of accomplishment. The pictures of him and I with the big gobbler, and the moment after-the-kill memory are daily reminders of what the Learn-to-Hunt program can do for a young man or woman getting an opportunity to begin hunting.

This hunt became in one fantastic moment, not only his "Hunt of-of-a-Lifetime," but mine as well far surpassing the caribou hunt I had waited 20 years to complete.

I know many of you are already heavily-involved in Hunter Education classes, as I am, and I compliment you for your time invested in our sport and your dedication. But, I urge you to check out the Learn-to-Hunt Program, and what it can do for your students, for you, and for the Future of hunting.

Pick up one of the Learn-to-Hunt booklets explaining the program from the DNR or talk to your Recreational Safety Warden about it and learn how it can provide outstanding beginning-to-Hunt opportunities for students and mentors alike. It just might, like it did for me, provide you with your own "Hunt of a Lifetime" and a never-ending smile.

## News from the Southeast Region—South

By John Bronikowski—Recreational Safety Warden

Greetings from the south half of the Southeast Region. It has been a busy season so far and I don't see it letting up anytime soon. I know a lot of you have had a busy summer/fall and I want to really thank you for the courses you have been involved with so far. The number of courses offered in my area is lower than in the past and the demand has been as high as ever.

I hope some of you will consider putting on an Internet field day for one of your courses this season. People have so many demands on their time that 6-8 weeks on a weekday evening can cause a lot of scheduling problems. And that goes for instructors, too. With prep time and travel you probably have 25 to 30 hours of volunteer time for each instructor - maybe more. The Internet field day is 6 hours long and even with prep time travel and paperwork, you will have less than 10 hours invested. The students do all of the lecture and book work on their own time and when it is convenient for them. It takes most people 5-7 hours to complete the Internet course and print out the chapter reviews. Some people need more time than that.

If you are interested, call me and we can talk about it. You only need 5 other instructors to commit to a 6 hour day plus set-up/take-down time. I'll even help out at your first one.

## News from the West Central Region

By Bill Yearman—Recreational Safety Warden

Well it is hard to believe that a year has passed already since I took over as the Recreational Safety Warden for the West Central Region (WCR). I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you in person at the refresher workshops, the academy and the Iowa/Wisconsin Hunter Education Instructors rendezvous. I have spoken to many more of you on the telephone or by email. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the hard work and dedication that you put into the Hunter Education program.

With your help we have certified 102 new Hunter Education instructors and 35 new Bow Hunter Education Instructors in the WCR since I started in April 04. We have 13 more that have their applications in and are waiting on the background check. Most of these new instructors have come through the apprenticeship process. You folks are doing a great job of recruiting new folk!! THANK YOU

Please remind any of the instructors in your group that if they have moved we need to get their new address in the

computer system as an instructor. The DNR may have the correct address when they buy their licenses but that does not mean it is correctly listed as an instructor. If we do not have their correct address they will not receive notices on the workshops or any upcoming events. Every time that I make a mass mailing I get quite a few letters returned with the incorrect address.

This first year has been quite a learning experience for me, but it has been an enjoyable one. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you might have. I don't always know the answers, but the rest of the RSW staff has always been great to help me out and I will make sure that I get back to you with an answer. 715-839-3717 or [William.Yearman@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:William.Yearman@dnr.state.wi.us)

## Attention Hunter Education Instructors:

Please see the following recall for safety harnesses below.

## Safety Harnesses Sold with Tree Stands Recalled

**Name of Product:** Safety Harnesses Sold with Tree Stands

**Units:** About 500,000

**Manufacturer:** Hunter's View, of Peoria, Ill.

**Hazard:** The harnesses could fail during use, resulting in consumers falling from tree stands and suffering serious injuries or death.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported

**Description:** These 2004 model year Fall Arrest Systems (harnesses) have model number 3333 and Model Year 2004 written on a white label attached to the harness or the tree strap Sold by: Hunting and sporting good stores nationwide beginning in January 2004 for between \$100 and \$300. Manufactured in: China

**Remedy:** Consumers should stop using these harnesses immediately and contact Hunters View to receive a free replacement harness.

**Consumer Contact:** Call Hunter's View at (888) 878-0440 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.

## Media Contact:

Hunter's View  
(888) 878-0440

## **IHEA REPORT. . . and a little bit more!**

By—Allan Hoover, IHEA Zone 3  
Instructor Representative

The International Hunter Education Association's (IHEA) 2005 Annual Conference was held April 25-29 at the Silverton Hotel and Casino/Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World in Las Vegas, NV. The event centered on the theme of Improving The Image Of Hunters And Hunting - Marketing Our Sport. Program administrators and hunter education instructors from North America and Africa attended five days of meetings geared toward promoting hunting and hunter education, and determining how IHEA could assist in those efforts.

Conference activities began on Monday with a 'Skeet and Eat' at the Desert Lake Country Club. Winchester Ammunition and White Flyer donated ammo and targets for a round of sporting clays, which was followed by a demonstration of the IHEA/NSCA Wingshooting Workshop, and a BBQ Dinner. Opening Ceremonies began Tuesday morning with Terry Crawford, Nevada Department of Wildlife Director and International Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies President welcoming conference attendees to Nevada. Jim Posewitz of Orion—The Hunters Institute served as the Keynote Speaker. Les Smith of the Nevada Department of Wildlife and many of the Nevada hunter education instructors teamed up with the IHEA staff to host a memorable week of activities. The 2006 IHEA Annual Conference will be May 6-10 in Atlanta, GA.

Bob Staton, Debbie Staton, Rick Flint, Candie Flint and Brian Bethel represented the Missouri Department of Conservation at the conference. Karen Hoover and Allan Hoover represented the Missouri Hunter Education Instructor's Association at the conference and the three-day Western States Instructor Rendezvous, which followed.

Rendezvous activities took place at the Silverton Hotel and the Spencer W. Kimball Boy Scouts of America Camp, which was located in the mountains outside of Las Vegas. A full weekend of workshops included Archery in the Schools, game care, Kansas Hunter Education Field Day Trailer, Tread Lightly! Tread Trainer, treestand safety, wingshooting responsibility and wilderness survival. The Winchester Hunter Education Instructor of the Year Award was presented to a Florida instructor who has taught hunter education for fifty years. The next Instructor Rendezvous in this area will be July 8-10 near Guthrie Center, Iowa.

Attending a gathering of instructors and agency coordinators from different states and countries is a tremendous opportunity to share information about hunter education programs. I was particularly interested in the contributions to hunter education made by instructor associations from other states. IHEA considered the topic of volunteer instructor associations, and how they could either enhance or hinder a hunter education program, important enough to schedule two committee sessions on this matter during the conference. Agency coordinators from around the country considered instructor associations to be everything from vitally important to non-existent and in some cases even detrimental to their hunter education programs. A volunteer instructor association's purpose and the ability of its leaders to stay focused on that purpose seemed to be the most important factors in determining the association's value to a hunter education program.

These discussions were timely even for an instructor association such as MHEIA, (Missouri Hunter Education International Association) which enjoys a good relationship with the state agency. Occasionally, members of an association, particularly the leaders of an association, need to evaluate where they are and what is being accomplished. There are currently three areas that MHEIA could benefit from a re-evaluation, which are image, involvement and direction.

The members of this association elect regional directors to represent them on the Board of Directors and to conduct business on their behalf. This Board is fortunate to have an appointed Executive Officer who is willing to devote a considerable amount of time and effort to insure the association's business is getting done. The down side to this situation is the Board's image suffers when members see the Executive Officer doing more and more of the work the Board was elected to do. Board members can begin correcting this image by assuming some of the workload from the Executive Officer, which will allow him to work on promoting growth in our association instead of devoting all his time and energy to maintaining business as usual.

Being an involved sportsman is something we consider important enough to include in the first chapter of the hunter education manual, yet we are reluctant to 'practice what we preach'. Conservation minded people from around the state routinely encourage our members to be informed of the constant legislative attacks against MDC and the Conservation Sales Tax. A misconception regarding what can and cannot be done by members of a



non-profit organization has been a ready excuse to bury our heads in the sand and hope someone else will stand up for the things we believe in. Writing to your state legislators to oppose bills that are detrimental to MDC, testifying at senate committee hearings, making your students aware of the Conservation Federation of Missouri, and promoting membership in CFM are all examples of being involved. Our members can and should take a pro-active approach to defending the 'Missouri Way of Conservation'.

Our association has always given a great deal of consideration to what we can do for the members. This is evident by the eight-point purpose listed in the bylaws and the considerable amount of money spent each year on Conference Attendance Gifts. Over the past five years MHEIA has spent more money on gifts, which are only received by those members who attend the Annual Conference, than we have contributed to the Youth Hunter Education Challenge and all other youth events combined. It is easy to become caught up in doing what we do and in the process overlook the big picture.

In Jim Posewitz's book 'Rifle in Hand' the author recaps the contributions of past conservationists like Theodore Roosevelt, George Bird Grinnell, D'ing Darling, Shane Mahoney and Aldo Leopold. The challenge before these conservation giants was to restore wildlife and preserve wild lands so there would be a hunting heritage to pass on to future generations. Today's challenge in passing on that hunting heritage is to preserve the hunt itself. MHEIA can make a difference, but first we must shift our focus away from what we can do for ourselves today and concentrate on what we can do for the future of our sport. The youth hunting and shooting programs being implemented in Missouri have proven to be effective in increasing the number of hunters. MHEIA could be a great asset to those programs by contributing our manpower and resources to the youth. Our primary focus should be on perpetuating the hunting heritage by promoting a safe and ethical participation in hunting and in the shooting sports. With the current need to make changes and correct problem areas in our bylaws, this would be a perfect time for MHEIA to examine where we are and what we want to accomplish.

## Bit of wisdom

**LECTURE** is the method by which notes of the instructor are transferred to the student without going through the brains of either !!!!

*"Easy" Ed Agustine, KS Hunter Education Instructor*

## Something We All Need to Know, IS IT A STROKE?

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

\*Ask the individual to **SMILE**.

\*Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.

\*Ask the person to **SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE**.

**If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.**

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions.

They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

## Missing Hunter ED Student From an Anonymous Contributor

On Saturday, February 5, 2005, at approximately 10:30 PM I spoke to a mother who reported her son had not returned from the Hunter Education Class that ended at noon.

Now I have your attention. . .

On Saturday, February 5, 2005, I assisted five other instructors in teaching a four hour hunter education class.

(The above was not the incident)

The parents are divorced and the students' mother had custody for the weekend. His father was out of town fishing. The student called home and told his grandfather he was going fishing with a friend. No return time or

other details were discussed with the student and his grandfather.

These plans were made at approximately 10:30 AM by checking the his mothers caller ID. The students' mother became very concerned when he did not get home by 10:00 PM.

The missing students' mother called the police to report her son missing. She also called the lead instructor. The lead instructor called another instructors cell phone, trying to get any information he had.

At that time the instructor and I were together returning from a sportsman's dinner.

The instructor called the fathers co-worker (that was present in the class and overheard a conversation that the co-worker was going fishing. He was accompanied in class by his daughters and wife. The instructor thinks the co-worker and his family left in a dark colored van. He had no knowledge that the student was with the co-worker and his family.

After trading several telephone calls with the students mother and the lead instructor, we were certain of the identification of the fathers co-worker.

I contacted the Sheriff and the Town Police. The other instructors and myself split up into separate vehicles and went to search lake access points.

Our second stop was the DNR launch site. At that location I met the Town Officer.

We located the missing student sleeping in a van parked at that location. We also met the fathers co-worker who came off the ice when he was contacted by persons we were talking to at the boat launch.

It was obvious the fathers' co-worker was intoxicated. I contacted the missing students' mother. With her permission we transported the missing student to his mother's residence at approximately midnight.

## **THE DIANA PROJECT**

### **Hunting For Knowledge**

### **Knowledge Through Hunting**

There is a creek in an obscure mountain range in one of the most isolated areas in Nevada that never fails to awaken intense emotion in me. This little stream, currently swelled with the spring runoff into delusions of grandeur, triggers a whole host of memories. My three

year old son catching his first fish by himself; my first deer hunt in Nevada with that same three year old trailing behind me picking up every rock he passed; time spent there with my father. All sorts of adventures, large and small, in one of the few places left that one can go without finding other humans there before you. Almost total isolation in a beautiful and wild place.

My name is Tarva Lee and I have been a big game hunter for more than 20 years. After researching the existing hunting programs for women such as B.O.W. (Becoming an Outdoors Woman) and Women on Target, I decided to create a hunting program that would enable a woman with no experience at all to become a life long hunter if she chose to. I wanted to teach all the skills she would need and to provide on going support for her as long as she needed it. I wanted the instruction to address at all times the different physical and emotional needs of a woman in a cooperative and supportive atmosphere. My goal was to introduce urban women to the outdoors and hunting for their own personal development and to preserve the traditions of hunting through their involvement. That is the mission of the Diana Project, so named for the Roman Goddess of the Hunt.

The Diana Project is an urban women's hunting education program sponsored by the Nevada Wildlife Federation (NVWF) and supported by NDOW. It is my brain child, and is designed to duplicate the hunting education provided traditionally by family for women who come from a non hunting background.

The Diana's sign up for a year long course that covers outdoor, shooting and hunting skills where they are supported by volunteer mentors who are experienced hunters. These mentors assist with classes and additional practice, and serve as the student's hunting family. The students are actively encouraged to bond with the mentors and each other over the course of the year as these are their hunting partners of the future. The mentors take the students out on their hunts in the fall, and are available to offer any help or information needed.

When the year is over, graduates are invited to mentor the new students while continuing their own hunting education. This is how the program grows while allowing each student to develop her confidence and skill at her own pace. Eventually they will be ready to run their own class of students with support from more experienced instructors and mentors should they choose to do so.

The curriculum is comprehensive and ambitious, and requires commitment from all concerned. There is at least one shooting seminar and one related skills class each month from January through November. We teach shotgun, small and large bore rifle, and handgun. We cover camping skills, personal safety awareness, back country survival, field first aid, CPR certification, off road driving, Dutch oven cooking, map, compass and GPS skills, hair and skin care in the outdoors, (we are women, after all), to name a few. In addition, we teach hunting techniques, optics, field dressing, game care, meat processing and storage, and how to cook and enjoy what you have harvested. They will hunt for deer in October and birds and upland game in November.

This month I took this year's group of urban women into that remote backcountry for a three day camping trip. I took them to my special place in the mountains to give them their first taste of the realities of hunting. They learned to set up camp, to cook over a campfire and with a Dutch oven. They learned how to start a fire rubbing two sticks together, (and actually succeeded in doing so), and got their first lessons in off road driving, emergency vehicle repair and fording water ways. They practiced gun safety in the field, field shooting positions, game spotting, and were introduced to different hunting techniques.

In the evening around the campfire we taught them how to embellish their hunting stories and to tell tall tales entertainingly and believably. This weekend spent camped by my gurgling and ambitious little stream in an obscure mountain range in the middle of nowhere will be the beginning of many precious memories gathered as they walk the mountains in the pursuit of game. Maybe along the way they will harvest knowledge, friendship and a little serenity to offset the stresses of urban life.

Tarva Lee  
dianaprojectlv@aol.com

## **Winchester Ammunition Recognizes International Hunter Education's Volunteer Instructors Of The Year**

*The following release was included in an issue of the Outdoor Wire:*

Winchester Ammunition has chosen the husband and wife team of John and Norma Neenan of Bell, Florida as their 2004 International Hunter Education Volunteer Instructors of the Year.

John has been a hunter education instructor for the past 32 years. His wife, Norma, joined him 22 years ago to help promote safe hunting.

During their tenure, they have offered or participated in over 450 courses, certifying approximately 20,750 students. Between the two of them, they have donated over 7,500 hours to hunter education.

In 2004, John and Norma certified 531 students in 22 courses, while serving as chief instructors in nine of them. The Neenan's were awarded the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Statewide Hunter Safety Instructor of the Year Award in 2003.

During their many years of service, they have worked with the Florida State Fair to construct the Hunter Education exhibit. They also wrote the original draft of the archery section for the Becoming An Outdoors Woman (BOW) Program and they have participated in countless shooting safety programs with groups like the 4-H and Royal Rangers.

John and Norma continue to stay on top of the latest advancements in hunter safety training by furthering their own education. Both of them attended and graduated from Clemson University's Master Wildlifer course, as well as becoming certified NRA training and safety instructors.

The Neenan's were the first couple in Florida to introduce team teaching into their courses.

Winchester's Hunter Education Association Volunteer Instructor of the Year Program began in the late 1980's. Since most states require Hunter Education certification before they will license younger hunters, volunteers have been called upon to conduct Hunter Education courses. Seeing the crucial need for instructors that play a major role in the future of hunting and shooting sports, Winchester developed this program to recognize and say "Thank You" to volunteers who do so much for the sport.

Each year, nominations are received for those who have significantly advanced the cause of safe hunting on a voluntary basis through extraordinary service in training or education. Criteria are based on the activities, experience, affiliations, and overall contributions to hunter education. Most nominees have years of outstanding experience and are truly the cream of the crop.

Winchester is proud to honor John and Norma Neenan as the International Hunter Education Volunteer Instructors of the Year. Their desire to inspire and teach ethics to their students is just as strong now as it was when they started.

## WISCONSIN ARCHERY EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR – 2004

By John R. Christian—State Conservation Warden

Archery Education Instructor Alfred O. Albertson (Ole)



**Warden John Christian  
presents Al Albertson with  
award.**

has been selected as the 2004 Wisconsin Archery Education Instructor of the year. Mr. Albertson was presented this award at the annual Wisconsin Hunter Education Instructor's Association (WHEIA) conference in Kimberly, Wisconsin on April 30, 2005.

Mr. Albertson has been active in archery education initiatives for over 20 years and a

DNR certified archery safety instructor for 12 years.

In addition to promoting Archery Education and hunter recruitment in his everyday life, Alfred (Ole) has initiated new and expedient programs for youth archery instruction with the Horicon Marsh Bowmens Club and Neosho Archers Club. Ole has recruited and trained a dozen new archery safety instructors who teach with various rod and gun clubs and archery associations.

In addition, Alfred O. Albertson has:

- Developed his own archery safety instruction program utilizing different sponsoring clubs from which he trained and recruited individual instructors from these clubs.
- Member of the Neosho Archers Club, Horicon Marsh Bowmens Club, Roche Cri Archery Club, and an honorary member of the Quadgraphics Outdoor Recreational Committee.
- Teaches the annual (summer) archery segments for the Quadgraphics Recreational Committee, career and vocational day activities and training with many local grade school recreational programs, including Peace Lutheran School, Saylesville School.
- Cub Scout and Boy Scout counselor, Dodge County 4-H archery shooting program director,

and conducts the Pioneer program for youth training with the Lutheran Church in Neosho, WI.

- The first in the area to utilize and has on hand the "Genesis" youth archery equipment and training protocol provided by Mathews Solocam archery industry, and uses this extensively in his programs.
- Owns and operates "Albertson's Archery in Neosho, WI., and was the first recipient of the Wisconsin Bowhunters Association (WBH) instructor of the year when the WBH first offered the award in 1994.
- A National Field Archery Association (NFAA) master coach, and is a competitive archery himself receiving numerous awards competing in local, regional, and national competitions sponsored by national archery groups, and also competing in the Wisconsin Badger State Games archery competition winning silver and bronze metals in various archery divisions, both indoor and outdoor shoots.
- Taken the initiative to assist and train handicapped archery hunters not only to utilize the sport, but has used his knowledge and expertise of bows to develop unique prosthetic devices for handicapped hunters to use both compound and cross bows, and trains them in their use.
- Worked closely with the cross bow initiative which is of a recent phenomenon with those over 65 years of age to again archery hunt with a cross bow.
- Recognized and renown for his knowledge of archery and the archery industry, has been utilized on numerous occasions to test various forms of archery equipment, not only for safety, but efficiency and usability, and effective humane killing potential.

People from all over and of various archery interests (target and hunting) consult with Ole regarding not only methods, skills, and safety, but also on legal and political issues on the agenda related to archery hunting and has always promoted the rules of fair chase, ethics, and the humane aspects of the hunt in addition to promoting safety and youth involvement. He truly is Mr. Archery in our area.

## INTERNATIONAL HUNTER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION'S

### State of Wisconsin's, "PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR" AWARD -

Each year the IHEA gives out this award to a state professional, which then will be reviewed nationally for national recognition. Last year's state recipient (Warden John Plenke) also received the national professional of the year.

This year's state recipient is another outstanding professional and is also a warden.

#### The Criteria for this award is as follows:

The nominee will have performed an outstanding service to the agency and state, in Hunter Education or any facet of hunting, and will have supported the IHEA mission in doing so, including, but not limited to:

1. Education of Hunters
2. Recruitment Efforts
3. Youth Hunting Activities
4. Innovation in Training
5. Community Service
6. Enforcement Efforts

This year's recipient, retired **Warden Richard Wallin of**



**Deputy Chief Karl Brooks presents Dick Wallin with his award**

**Viroqua**, has been involved in Hunter Education as a volunteer instructor for 29 years and as a warden, provided talks to sportsmen's clubs for 27 years. During that time, he participated in the Vernon County LE officer rifle shoot for hunter safety youth graduates.

He served as an instructor in the State Hunter Education Instructor Academy since its beginning and he served as an

instructor at "Women in the Outdoors" events in Western Wisconsin.

His innovative contributions to the program include his involvement in hunting accident investigations and how he has educated prosecutors on the issues surrounding hunting accidents and those incidents that are not accidents.

He has also been key in certifying people in the Amish community as Hunter Ed instructors which has resulted in the increase of Amish youth taking hunter Ed classes.

In Vernon County a problem began to surface and Richard recognized it right away. Deer carcasses were being left along the sides of roads, which created an image problem for deer hunters. Richard worked with the county and he created a deer bone/carcass drop off program in Vernon County. This program is a model for other counties and has reduced litter not only along the roadways, but elsewhere. This past deer season, in just one county, more than 65,000 pounds of deer carcass refuse was collected at designated sites.

He talked with and involved 26 sporting goods department managers from 13 Wal-Mart stores to teach them how they could become more involved in hunter safety programs.

Richard also serves as an example to other hunters and models his ethics in his words and deeds.

Richard also recognizes the importance of teaching our hunting heritage. One of his primary contributions to hunter education is his belief that hunter education is a program that should reach as many youth as possible.

#### **Richard's involvement in the community include:**

- 1981-2005 Member of Viroqua Volunteer Fire Department and currently holds the position of Assistant Chief.
- 1999-2000: Richard served as President of McIntosh Memorial Library friends group in Viroqua
- 1990's: Richard served the American Heart Association and received a communications award for articles he wrote for the Association on health and fitness.
- 1990's-2005: Richard has been active in the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association.

As the details above indicate, Richard Wallin has been committed to hunter education for more than 29 years. He has been involved both as a volunteer instructor while off duty, as well as a representative of our Department while on duty. He has faithfully attended special events in the interest of furthering hunter safety.

Richard's dedication both on and off the job speaks well of the type of person he is and the IHEA recognition is a testament to his lifetime of work.

## Wisconsin Hunter Education Instructor of the Year 2004

By Michael Clutter—Conservation Warden

Hunter Education Instructor Harold Holt has been selected as the 2004 Wisconsin Hunter Education Instructor of the year. Mr. Holt was presented this award by Warden Mike Clutter at the annual Wisconsin Hunter Education Instructor's Association conference in Kimberly, Wisconsin on April 30, 2005.

Mr. Holt has been a hunter education instructor for 28 years, certifying over 2,800 students in 48 hunter safety classes. Harold has also certified 63 students in Bow Hunter Education. Harold worked with the Department of Natural Resources to evaluate the initial CD-ROM hunter education course and has recruited 10 new hunter education instructors over the last 12 years.



**Mike Clutter presents  
award to Harold Holt**

In addition to promoting Hunter Education and hunter recruitment in his everyday life, Harold has:

- *Volunteered on the Larry Zeier Memorial Youth Hunt the past 3 years, taking young hunters waterfowl hunting for their first time.*
- Helped with the "Jakes Day" and "Pheasants Forever" youth days held at Koenig's Conservation Club by teaching firearm safety, hunter education, wildlife identification, and other aspects of hunting.
- Been on the Sheboygan County Greenwing Committee since it's inception in 1979, missing only 6 years from 1991 to 1997 due to work commitments.
- Volunteered his time at the Duck's Unlimited Great Outdoors Festival, manning the booth for the Sheboygan County Conservation Association.
- Been an active member of the Koenig's Conservation Club.

- Volunteered his time assisting the WDNR with Chronic Wasting Disease deer sampling during gun deer season.

Harold Holt's innovative, hands-on teaching techniques keep his students interested and active throughout their hunter safety class. Harold's courses are in high demand and fill up quickly. Parents regularly ask that their child be placed on a waiting list for Harold's next class rather than attend a hunter safety course taught by a different instructor. This award, and the demand for his classes, is well deserved praise for the excellent job Mr. Holt does in promoting safe, ethical hunting and sportsmanship.

## Computer Humour

### *If You Think You're Dumb When it Comes to Computers, Read This and You'll Feel Better.*

Take heart, anyone among you who believes he or she is technologically challenged, you "ain't seen nuthin" yet. This is an excerpt from a Wall Street Journal article:

1. Compaq is considering changing the command "Press Any Key" to "Press Return Key" because of the flood of calls asking where the "Any" key is.
2. AST technical support had a caller complaining that her mouse was hard to control with the dust cover on. The cover turned out to be the plastic bag the mouse was packaged in.
3. Another Dell customer called to say he couldn't get his computer to fax anything. After 40 minutes of troubleshooting, the technician discovered the man was trying to fax a piece of paper by holding it in front of the monitor screen and hitting the "Send" key.
4. Yet another Dell customer called to complain that his keyboard no longer worked. He had cleaned it by filling up his bathtub with soap and water and soaking the keyboard for a day, then removing all the keys and washing them individually.
5. A Dell technician received a call from a customer who was enraged because his computer had told him he was "Bad and an invalid." The tech explained that the computer's "bad command" and "invalid" responses shouldn't be taken personally.
6. A confused caller to IBM was having trouble printing documents. He told the technician that the computer had said it "couldn't find printer." The user had also tried



turning the computer screen to face the printer-but that his computer still couldn't "see" the printer.

7. An exasperated caller to Dell Computer Tech Support couldn't get her new Dell Computer to turn on. After ensuring the computer was plugged in, the technician asked her what happened when she pushed the power button. Her response, "I pushed and pushed on this foot pedal and nothing happened." The "foot pedal" turned out to be the computer's mouse.

8. Another customer called Compaq tech support to say her brand new computer wouldn't work. She said she unpacked the unit, plugged it in and sat there for 20 minutes waiting for something to happen. When asked what happened when she pressed the power switch, she asked, "What power switch?"

9. Another IBM customer had trouble installing software and rang for support. "I put in the first disk, and that was OK. It said to put in the second disk, and had some problems with the disk. When it said to put in the third disk, I couldn't even fit it in..." The user hadn't realized that "Insert Disk 2" implied removing Disk 1 first.

10. A story from a Novell NetWare SysOp: CALLER: "Hello, is this Tech Support?" TECH: "Yes, it is. How may I help you?" CALLER: "The cup holder on my PC is broken -and I am within my warranty period. How do I go about getting that fixed?" TECH: "I'm sorry, but did you say a cup holder?" CALLER: "Yes, it's attached to the front of my computer." TECH: "Please excuse me. If I seem a bit stumped, it's because I am. Did you receive this as part of a promotional at a trade show? How did you get this cup holder? Does it have any trademark on it?" CALLER: "It came with my computer. I don't know anything about a promotional. It just has '4X' on it." At this point, the Tech Rep had to mute the caller because he couldn't stand it. He was laughing too hard. The caller had been using the load drawer of the CD-ROM drive as a cup holder and it had snapped it off the drive.

11. A woman called the Canon help desk with a problem with her printer. The tech asked her if she was "running it under windows." The woman responded, "No, my desk is next to the door. But that is a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window and his printer is working fine."

12. And last but not least: TECH SUPPORT: "O.K. Bob, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time. That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen. Now type the letter "P" to bring up the Program Manager." CUSTOMER: "I don't have a 'pm. TECH SUPPORT: "On your keyboard, Bob." CUSTOMER: "What do you mean?" TECH SUPPORT: " 'P' on your keyboard, Bob." CUSTOMER: "I'm not going to do that!"

## Missing Firearms

Message from Retired Recreational Safety Warden Mike Smith

To make a long story as short as possible. I have four missing firearms - started as 7 but I have located 3.

Seven firearms were issued to an Instructor who now has Alzheimer's so bad that he does not know who he is. Three have been located in the Sawyer County Hunter Safety Trailer. I am sure the other four are around. Would you please list the following in the Bullseye Bulletin and possible advise that they originated in Sawyer County to get peoples attention.

Mike

## *Meet our newest member—*

### Welcome Sharmain Nabi—

My name is Sharmin Nabi. I am 22-years-old and just graduated this past May from the University of

Wisconsin- Madison with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology. I plan to go to law school in the near future. Here at the DNR- Law Enforcement, I will be dealing with both hunter education courses and administrative work. I



enjoy being active, biking, pilates, eating out and trying new foods. I am enthusiastic to enter the working world here at the DNR.

## Hunter Education Academies May and August

By Jon M. King— Recreational Safety Warden

On May 20-22, 2005 the Wisconsin DNR hosted another Hunter Education Academy at Fort McCoy. As a Hunter Education Instructor and a new employee to the DNR I jumped at the opportunity to attend the academy. I have been teaching for about 5 years now and have not attended the academy. What a great opportunity to learn new ways to teach our “young adults” that wish to join the sport of Hunting. I believe that this program is well worth your time. I also enjoyed the chance to learn an easier way to teach what is required in the Hunter Education Class in a shorter amount of time.

I enjoyed this academy so much that I volunteered to attend every academy when I was available to assist with teaching. I also attended the academy in August . I was very impressed with the desire of our instructors to become better at what they do. In fact this program has been so good that Iowa, Minnesota, and Massachusetts have sent their staff members to see what we are doing.

Please take the opportunity if it presents itself to you and attend one of the academies as these 60+ Instructors did. The cost to you is just the gas to get there and a weekend of your time. These two group has shown that they are dedicated to Hunter Education and I commend them for it.



**May 2005 Hunter Education Instructor Academy**



**August 2005 Hunter Education Instructor Academy**

## *Messages from you—*

### **May Hunter Education Instructor Academy**

Thank you so much for the putting on the Hunter Education Instructor Academy.

I had a wonderful time at the Academy. I learned so much and will try to get a few more hands-on activities incorporated into our classes – both in Sussex and in West Bend. The extra training aids were a great bonus.

It was also very nice to interact with instructors from other areas. Everyone seemed to get along so well. This was a fun weekend. I am so glad that I attended. Thanks again.

- Janet Fischer

PS. I don't have Julie's e-mail address; please pass my thanks along to her as well.

### **August Instructor Academy to John Plenke—**

Just wanted to take a second of your day and say Thanks for the weekend in Wisconsin. I had a great time with your coworkers and coaches and managed to learn some new techniques of hands on teaching in the process. If you haven't mailed the materials the instructors received at the end of the academy (i.e. treestands, 3d targets, etc.) don't worry about sending any out this way. I'd rather you keep them for your instructors to pass on the tradition of hunting to the youth of WI. Besides, the bag of goodies received at the beginning of the academy was more than enough.

Thanks again and please pass the thanks on to the rest of your team that were present over the weekend.

Neil Mauntler

Hunter Education Volunteer Coordinator  
Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

### **Kudos for Mr. Marvin Weber and members of the Winooski Bowmen Archery Club—**

I am writing bring to your attention my appreciation for Mr. Marvin Weber and the members of the Winooski Bowmen Archery Club for their spring hunters safety class.



My son Mike is a Cancer patient. Completing his hunters safety course was very important to him. He enjoyed the class immensely and is sad that it is over. He is very proud of earning his certificate.

Mike was informed last week Friday that they are afraid his cancer might have returned. He goes into surgery on Tuesday.

Mr. Weber, made sure Mike could complete the class before his surgery to the point he arranged to have him take the test at his home Saturday. Mike was so excited about passing the class. He called my dad (his grandfather) before he even got back into the truck.

Our church had a benefit for Mike on Sunday and he proudly wore his hunters safety hat the entire time. He received many "congrats" from the attendees.

I am afraid he has a "tough row to hoe" in the next few months but his experience in the class is a source of fun and pride for him.

All of the instructors did a wonderful job. I received my hunters safety in 1982 and have hunted since and I found the classes informative and entertaining. The guys did an excellent job. They really went beyond the call to make the information entertaining and interesting.

I am sure you are mobbed by people who wish to complain about the things they don't like. Here is a great example of something done well!!

I hope you join me in complimenting these instructors

## **Kudos to Instructor Terry Burkeland**

Last Thursday, February 10, my son Tim completed his Hunter Safety Course at Patrick Marsch Middle School in Sun Prairie. I would like to give some feedback about this experience. We were very pleased with how the course was presented and taught. The instructors were very good. This class was led by Terry Burkeland. I don't have the names of the other instructors. The two hours each night flew by. You can relay this feedback to Terry if you wish and please do relay it to Terry's program Director

## **Trespass Discussions**

Message to Retired Recreational Safety Warden Mike Smith—From Barry Nielson

Hey Mike,  
I found this web page that may help the HE classes with trespass discussions. It's a hunters pledge and/permission to hunt. I ordered some for our class, some of the other classes may be interested in it too?

It's sponsored in part by the Izzak Walton League.  
[www.iwla.org/ethics/huntcard.html](http://www.iwla.org/ethics/huntcard.html)

Tim,  
Thank you for the wonderful two year, Hunter Safety Pen you surprised me with yesterday. I do not expect any gratuities or acknowledgement for the work I do. It is to my personal benefit to be allowed to share my love of the field, the outdoors, and the shooting sports with students.

The thoughtful gift of the pen is greatly appreciated, but it is simply a bonus of the work we all enjoy to perform.

Sincerely,  
Patrick T. Zimmer, P.E.  
Director of Construction Services  
R.A. Smith & Associates, Inc.

Dear Mr. Lawhern:  
I am writing to let you know how impressed I was with the Hunter Safety Education Course I took with my son last fall. Mr. Clarence Cammers and his team of instructors taught the class, held at the Como Beach Clubhouse in Lake Geneva.

I will admit I was skeptical at the start. I thought that it was just a formality we had to go through, so my son could get a license. After it started, I quickly realized how involved and well structured it was. I was surprised how much I learned, though I had already been hunting for several years guided by a close friend. The material is extremely informative and was covered thoroughly by Mr. Cammers and his team.

After my son and I completed the class, I was glad that Hunter Ed was available, and much more confident in our ability to have a safe and successful hunt.

I know the statistics show that Hunter Ed has had a tremendous impact on safety and success in the field, and now I know why. It is because of the hard work and dedication of everyone involved, especially the volunteers like Mr. Cammers and his team.

Sincerely,  
Greg Szeszol

# Nikon

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MONARCH GOLD 30MM RIFLESCOPES			
6615	1.5-6x42 Matte - German #4 reticle	\$ 355.00	
6616	1.5-6x42 Matte - Nikoplex	\$ 355.00	
6617	2.5-10x50 *SF Matte - German #4 reticle	\$ 440.00	
6619	2.5-10x50 *SF Matte - Nikoplex	\$ 440.00	
6620	2.5-10x56 *SF Matte - German #4 reticle	\$ 490.00	
6622	2.5-10x56 *SF Matte - Nikoplex	\$ 490.00	
* Side Focus			
MONARCH UCC RIFLESCOPES			
6500	4X40 Lustre	\$ 148.00	
6505	4x40 Matte	\$ 157.00	
6506	6X42 Lustre	\$ 157.00	
6508	6x42 Matte	\$ 165.00	
6510	2-7x32 Lustre	\$ 172.00	
6515	2-7x32 Matte	\$ 181.00	
6520	3-9x40 Lustre	\$ 182.00	
6525	3-9x40 Matte	\$ 191.00	
6528	3-9x40 Silver Matte	\$ 199.00	
6537	3.3-10x44 AO Lustre	\$ 245.00	
6536	3.3-10x44 AO Matte (Mildot)	\$ 253.00	
6539	3.3-10x44 AO Matte	\$ 253.00	
6530	3.5-10x50 Lustre	\$ 281.00	
6535	3.5-10x50 Matte	\$ 290.00	
6600	3.5-10x50 Matte (Illuminated-Nikoplex)	\$ 366.00	
6604	3.5-10x50 Matte (Illuminated-Mildot)	\$ 366.00	
6540	4-12X40 AO Lustre	\$ 242.00	
6545	4-12x40 AO Matte	\$ 251.00	
6580	5.5-16.5X44 AO Lustre	\$ 255.00	
6585	5.5-16.5x44 AO Matte	\$ 263.00	
6550	6.5-20x44 AO Lustre (Fine crosshair)	\$ 298.00	
6555	6.5-20x44 AO Matte (Fine crosshair)	\$ 307.00	
6556	6.5-20x44 AO Lustre (Target Dot)	\$ 298.00	
6558	6.5-20x44 AO Matte (Target Dot)	\$ 307.00	
6570	6.5-20x44 AO Lustre (Nikoplex)	\$ 298.00	
6575	6.5-20x44 AO Matte (Nikoplex)	\$ 307.00	
6602	6.5-20x44 Matte (Illuminated-Nikoplex)	\$ 415.00	
6605	6.5-20x44 Matte (Illuminated-Mildot)	\$ 415.00	
MONARCH UCC SHOTGUN / MUZZLELOADER SCOPES			
6590	1.5-4.5X20 Turkey Pro Matte	\$ 163.00	
6592	1.5-4.5x20 Turkey Pro Camo*	\$ 176.00	
6595	1.5-4.5x20 Ultra Wide Matte	\$ 163.00	
* Realtree Hardwoods Green™ HD Camo			

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**NEW** BUCKMASTERS RIFLESCOPES		**AVAILABLE JUNE 2005**	
		PRICE	QTY
6460	1X20 Blackpowder Matte Nikoplex	\$102.00	
6400	4x40 Matte Nikoplex	\$105.00	
6410	3-9x40 Silver Shadow Nikoplex	\$137.00	
6420	3-9x40 Matte Nikoplex	\$128.00	
6430	3-9x50 Matte Nikoplex	\$196.00	
6445	4-12x50 SF Matte Nikoplex	\$207.00	
6452	4.5-14x40 SF Matte Nikoplex	\$182.00	
6456	4.5-14x40 SF Silver Nikoplex	\$191.00	
6469	4.5-14x40 SF Matte Mildot	\$182.00	
6472	6-18x40 SF Matte Nikoplex	\$212.00	
6476	6-18X40 SF Matte Fine Crosshair w/Dot	\$212.00	
8053	Optional Sunshade for 40mm Obj. Scopes Matte	\$14.00	
8054	Optional Sunshade for 40mm Obj. Scopes Silver	\$14.00	
8055	Optional Sunshade for 50mm Obj. Scopes Matte	\$14.00	
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MONARCH UCC HANDGUN SCOPES		PRICE	QTY
6560	2x20 EER Lustre	\$ 114.00	
6562	2x20 EER Matte	\$ 118.00	
6565	2x20 EER Satin Silver	\$ 122.00	
6567	2.5-8x28 EER Matte	\$ 180.00	
6569	2.5-8x28 EER Silver	\$ 188.00	

MONARCH DOT SIGHTS			
6606	Dot Sight Matte 6 MOA Dot	\$ 170.00	
6608	Dot Sight Silver 6 MOA Dot	\$ 170.00	
6610	Dot Sight VSD* Matte 1,4,6,10 MOA Dot	\$ 195.00	
6612	Dot Sight VSD* Silver 1,4,6,10 MOA Dot	\$ 195.00	
6614	Team Realtree** VSD* 1,4,6,10 MOA Dot	\$ 208.00	
* Variable Sized Dot			
** Realtree Hardwoods Green™ HD Camo			

BUCKMASTERS RIFLESCOPES			
6405	4x40 Black Matte	\$ 105.00	
6415	3-9x40 Silver Shadow	\$ 137.00	
6425	3-9x40 Black Matte	\$ 128.00	
6435	3-9x50 Black Matte	\$ 196.00	
6440	4-12X50 AO Black Matte	\$ 199.00	
6450	4.5-14x40 AO Black Matte	\$ 182.00	
6455	4.5-14x40 AO Silver Matte	\$ 191.00	
6468	4.5-14x40 AO Matte - Mildot	\$ 182.00	
6465	1x20 BlackPowder	\$ 102.00	
6470	6-18x40 AO Nikoplex, Black Matte	\$ 203.00	
6475	6-18x40 AO Target Dot, Black Matte	\$ 203.00	

PROSTAFF RIFLESCOPES			
6305	4X32 RimFire Classic Matte	\$ 62.00	
6306	4X32 RimFire Classic Silver	\$ 71.00	
6307	4X32 Team Realtee RimFire Classic	\$ 75.00	
6308	2-7x32 Shotgun Hunter Matte	\$ 80.00	
6309	2-7x32 Team Realtree Shotgun Hunter	\$ 92.00	
6310	3-9x40 Matte	\$ 92.00	
6311	3-9x40 Silver	\$ 100.00	
6312	3-9x40 Team Realtree	\$ 104.00	

ULTRALOK™ STUD SCOPE MOUNTS			
Stud Bases			
7240	A-Bolt 2pc Black	\$ 8.50	
7241	A-Bolt 2pc Silver	\$ 8.50	
7242	A-Bolt 2pc EXT Black	\$ 8.50	
7243	A-Bolt 2pc EXT Silver	\$ 8.50	
7244	BAR, BLR 1pc Black	\$ 8.50	
7250	MR 7 2pc	\$ 8.50	
7251	336 1pc	\$ 8.50	
7260	FN Series	\$ 8.50	
7270	700 2pc Black	\$ 8.50	
7271	700 2pc Silver	\$ 8.50	
7272	700 2pc EXT Black	\$ 8.50	
7273	700 2pc EXT Silver	\$ 8.50	
7274	7400,7600,4,6 1pc Black	\$ 8.50	
7275	Model 7 1pc Black	\$ 8.50	
7276	Model 7 1pc Silver	\$ 8.50	
7290	70 2pc Black	\$ 8.50	
7291	70 2pc Silver	\$ 8.50	
7292	70 2pc EXT Black	\$ 8.50	
7293	94 Angle Eject 2pc	\$ 8.50	
7280	110 2pc Black	\$ 8.50	
7281	110 2pc Silver	\$ 8.50	

RIMFIRE MOUNTS			
7235	1" for grooved .22 receivers Matte	\$ 6.00	
7236	1" for grooved .22 receivers Silver	\$ 6.00	

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NEW OPTIONAL MONARCH SUNSHADES*		PRICE	QTY
7116	44mm Obj. Scope (Lustre)	\$ 14.00	
7951	44mm Obj. Scopes (Matte)	\$ 14.00	

\*Can be used with #6630 & #6680, Nikon Titanium Riflescopes

ULTRALOK™ STUD SCOPE MOUNTS			
Stud Rings		PRICE	QTY
7220	1" Low Lustre	\$ 10.25	
7221	1" Med. Lustre	\$ 10.25	
7222	1" High Lustre	\$ 10.25	
7224	1" Low Matte	\$ 10.25	
7225	1" Med. Matte	\$ 10.25	
7226	1" High Matte	\$ 10.25	
7228	1" Low Silver	\$ 10.25	
7229	1" Med. Silver	\$ 10.25	
7230	1" High Silver	\$ 10.25	
7231	30mm Low Matte	\$ 13.50	
7232	30mm Med. Matte	\$ 13.50	
7233	30mm High Matte	\$ 13.50	

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Prod. #					
7506	8x20 Nikon Premier LXL	\$ 254.00		VISA _____	CERTIFIED CHECK _____
7507	10x25 Nikon Premier LXL	\$ 271.00		M/C _____	CASHIER'S CHECK _____
7504	8x32 Nikon Premier LXL	\$ 596.00		AMEX _____	MONEY ORDER _____
7505	10x32 Nikon Premier LXL	\$ 622.00		CREDIT CARD # _____	
7502	8x42 Nikon Premier LXL	\$ 803.00		EXP DATE _____	
7503	10x42 Nikon Premier LXL	\$ 846.00		SIGN _____ DATE _____	
7381	8x32 Nikon Premier SE	\$ 421.00		=====	
7311	10x42 Nikon Premier SE	\$ 548.00		SUBTOTAL _____	
7382	12x50 Nikon Premier SE	\$ 602.00		SALES TAX _____ (if applicable)	
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SPORTSTAR	SERIES	PRICE	QTY.
7490	8X25 Sportstar Matte	\$ 38.00	
7493	8x25 Sportstar Silver	\$ 38.00	
7492	10x25 Sportstar Matte	\$ 43.00	
7494	10x25 Sportstar Silver	\$ 43.00	
<b>MEDALLION</b>			
7378	8X21 Medallion	\$ 33.00	
<b>TEAM REALTREE</b>			
7550	8x25 Team Realtree	\$ 47.00	
7552	10x25 Team Realtree	\$ 52.00	
<b>TRAVELITE V SERIES</b>			
7470	8x25 Travelite V	\$ 51.00	
7471	9x25 Travelite V	\$ 55.00	
7472	10x25 Travelite V	\$ 58.00	
7473	12x25 Travelite V	\$ 66.00	
7474	8-24x25 Travelite V Zoom	\$ 105.50	
<b>EAGLEVIEW ZOOM II</b>			
7496	8-24X25 Eagleview Zoom Black	\$ 105.50	
7497	8-24X25 Eagleview Zoom Silver	\$ 105.50	
7498	8-24x25 Eagleview Zoom Team REALTREE*	\$ 114.00	
<b>SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY EDITION COMPACT</b>			
7348	6X15 Special Edition (silver)	\$ 180.00	
7392	7X15 Special Edition (black)	\$ 190.00	
<b>TITANIUM POCKET SERIES</b>			
7312	5x15 T	\$ 326.00	
7362	7x15 T	\$ 335.00	
<b>ACTION SERIES</b>			
7215	7x35 Action	\$ 39.00	
7217	7x50 Action	\$ 50.00	
7216	8x40 Action	\$ 45.00	
7218	10x50 Action	\$ 56.00	
7219	12x50 Action	\$ 62.00	
7223	16x50 Action	\$ 74.00	
<b>NIKON PROSTAFF ATB</b>			
NEW 7483	8x25 Nikon ProStaff ATB	\$ 74.00	
NEW 7484	9x25 Nikon ProStaff ATB	\$ 78.00	
NEW 7485	10x25 Nikon ProStaff ATB	\$ 82.00	
NEW 7486	12x25 Nikon ProStaff ATB	\$ 87.00	
<b>FULL-SIZE WATERPROOF ATB (All Terrain Binocular) SERIES</b>			
<b>PHASE CORRECTION COATED</b>			
7430	8X42 Monarch ATB	\$ 188.00	
7432	10x42 Monarch ATB	\$ 203.00	
NEW 7437	12x42 Monarch ATB	\$ 212.00	
NEW 7434	8x42 TRT Monarch ATB*	\$ 195.00	
NEW 7435	10x42 TRT Monarch ATB*	\$ 212.00	
NEW 7479	12x42 TRT Monarch ATB*	\$ 220.00	
<b>ZOOM SERIES</b>			
7227	7-15x35 Action Zoom	\$ 80.00	
7234	10-22x50 Action Zoom XL	\$ 88.00	
<b>MARINE SERIES &amp; IMAGE STABILIZER</b>			
7440	7x50 OceanPro	\$ 145.00	
7441	7x50 OceanPro w/ Compass	\$ 185.00	
7442	7x50 Sports & Marine	\$ 189.00	
7443	7x50 Sports & Marine w/ Compass	\$ 249.00	
7456	12x32 StabilEyes	\$ 518.00	
7476	12x32 Team REALTREE StabilEyes VR*	\$ 561.00	
7495	16x32 StabilEyes	\$ 561.00	
7457	14x40 StabilEyes (Dual Mode)	\$ 773.00	

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ACTION EXTREME ATB (All Terrain Binocular) SERII	PRICE	QTY.
7237 7x35 Action Extreme	\$ 78.00	
7238 8x40 Action Extreme	\$ 86.00	
7239 7x50 Action Extreme	\$ 93.00	
7245 10x50 Action Extreme	\$ 104.00	
7246 12x50 Action Extreme	\$ 111.00	
7247 16x50 Action Extreme	\$ 127.00	
<b>ASTRONOMY SERIES</b>		
7789 7x50 Prostar	\$ 641.00	
7893 10x70 Astroluxe	\$ 910.00	
7447 18x70 Astroluxe	\$ 950.00	
<b>LASER RANGEFINDERS</b>		
NEW 7481 Monarch Gold Laser 1200	\$ 278.00	
NEW 7487 Team REALTREE* Lawer 1200	\$ 291.00	
7439 Monarch Laser800	\$ 220.00	
7433 Team Realtree Laser800	\$ 234.00	
7426 Buckmasters Laser600	\$ 190.00	
7428 Team Realtree Laser600	\$ 202.00	
7477 ProStaff Laser440	\$ 135.00	
7478 Team Realtree Laser440	\$ 148.00	
7431 Nikon LaserCaddy (500)	\$ 201.00	
<b>MONOCULARS</b>		
7383 6x15 Monocular II	\$ 60.00	
7391 5x15 Monocular High Grade	\$ 141.00	

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